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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After Action
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2002

Morgan Hill Civic Center

Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave.

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Marilyn Gadway
Vice-Chair	William Keig
Committee Member	Kenneth Mort
Committee Member	John Bautista
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Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig van Keulen

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gadway called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A quorum was present

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

Staff Balagso announced Teri Nelson is no longer with the Mt. Madonna YMCA. The YMCA was unable to send a representative to the meeting. No report was provided.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Staff Balagso

Staff Balagso stated the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) appointed two new members to the Senior Advisory Committee: 1. Sharon Leonard; and 2. Gloria Subocz. The PRC re-appointed John Bautista to another term on the Committee. Both Ms. Leonard and Ms. Subocz were in attendance and introduced themselves to the Committee. Morgan Hill City Clerk, Irma Torrez, will administer the oath of office to our two new members and one returning member at the next meeting.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Tougas

Representative Tougas announced that the next Commission meeting will take place on October 7, 2002. The issue of paratransit in the South Valley will be on the agenda.

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Committee Member Bautista

Representative Bautista reported on the September meeting. The AARP has a program based in Mountain View, which enables seniors to complete Advanced Directives to be an organ donor and to provide direction to medical staff and family members when a senior is unable to speak for himself/herself. CAG will serve as the base in South County to provide this service. CAG will make an announcement when this program is in place. A representative from the Senior Day Committee for the Community and Cultural Center Grand Opening Week Celebration, Nancy Harris, announced the need for volunteers and provided information on activities planned for that day. Representative Bautista also provided information on the success of the Brown Bag program. Brown Bag lunches are packed and provided to seniors on Thursday mornings.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

Minutes approved as amended (4:0). Minutes to read Pledge led by Committee Member Mort.

BUSINESS

2. CATHOLIC CHARITIES' DAY BREAK RESPITE PROGRAM

Recommended Action; Action Item. Director Toy, Business Assistance and Housing Services will provide information on the Day Break Respite Program. The Day Break Respite Program is a support program for high risk seniors and their family care givers. The Senior Advisory Committee is asked to approve an allocation of \$8551 for Catholic Charities to Administer the Program.

Business Assistance and Housing Services Director, Garrett Toy, asked the Committee to consider making a recommendation to the City Council for the appropriation of \$8,551 from the Senior Housing Trust Fund for the Day Break Respite Program operated by Catholic Charities.

Chair Gadway asked if the decision to appropriate the funds needed to be made today. Director Toy responded that the decision did not need to be made today. Chair Gadway stated she felt she and the Committee felt unready to make a decision. Committee Member Mort stated he felt uncomfortable in making the decision at this time and asked if the Senior Advisory Committee is the appropriate body to make such a funding decision. Director Toy responded the City Council asked him to present this issue to the Senior Advisory Committee because the Council feels the Committee has more knowledge of needs of the senior community in Morgan Hill. Chair Gadway stated she would like to the opportunity to hear from a representative from Catholic Charities about the history of the program and how it would benefit members of the senior community in Morgan Hill. She proposed the issue be postponed until the November meeting.

Vice Chair Keig asked how much money was in the Senior Housing Trust Fund. Director Toy responded that there is approximately \$230,000 in the Fund. Vice Chair Keig also asked if these funds would be used for senior programs at the Indoor Community Recreation Center. Director Toy responded that the interest the Fund earns could be used to offset operational costs, but the principal would be used for senior housing in Morgan Hill.

COA Representative Tougas stated the Day Break program might be duplicating services already provided by Live Oak Senior Services. He also stated that services of the Day Break program are provided by volunteers, not Catholic Charities staff members.

Chair Gadway asked for a motion to postpone further discussion and action on this item until the November meeting and also asked that a representative from Catholic Charities be present at the meeting. Vice Chair Keig made the motion. Committee Member Bautista seconded it. Motion approved (4:0).

3. COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER GRAND OPENING

Recommended Action. Information Only. Staff to provide update on plans for Senior Day, December 12, 2002.

Vice Chair Keig serves on the Senior Day Committee and provided an update of the activities planned and asked if members of the Senior Advisory Committee would serve as tour guides on the day of the event. Chair Gadway stated she received a phone call from Joan Harkness asking for the assistance of the Senior Advisory Committee. Vice Chair Keig responded the Senior Day Committee met the day before and discussed planned activities. Vice Chair Keig stated the Committee hopes to provide transportation from the Friendly Inn to and from the Community and Cultural Center. Chair Gadway asked what was being done to publicize the event to include the senior community of Morgan Hill as a whole. Staff Balagso responded the Senior Day activities would be advertised in both the Morgan Hill Times, the Pinnacle, San Jose Mercury and City Visions. Flyers will be delivered to senior communities within Morgan Hill and information on the event will be included in the YMCA Senior Newsletter. Chair Gadway suggested the Sharon Leonard might be interested in working with the Senior Day Committee to provide publicity for the event. Ms. Leonard stated she would be interested in joining the Committee. Staff Balagso also stated the City of Morgan Hill is looking into providing transportation to and from the event to seniors throughout the City.

The Senior Day activities will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday December 12, 2002. Activities will include a welcome from Mayor Kennedy, guided tours of the Center, entertainment and music, black and white movies,; a ceramics demonstration; dancing, and refreshments. Chair Gadway asked if the December Senior Advisory Committee meeting could be held at the Community and Cultural Center and that a training for members could take place either before or after the meeting. Staff Balagso responded that the meeting could be held at the Center and a training would be provided.

4. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE - SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Recommended Action: Information Only. Hand out monthly legislative update from California Senior Legislature.

Staff Balagso provided the monthly legislature newsletter in the agenda packets of the Senior Advisory Committee. Chair Gadway asked if the Committee Members could receive the newsletter prior to the Senior Advisory Committee meeting. Staff Balagso responded she could either fax or mail the newsletter one-week prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting scheduled on **November 5, 2002** in City Council Chambers.

Vice Chair Keig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Committee Member Bautista seconded the motion. _____
